

[8 December, 2006]

RAJYA SABHA

Dahej Special Economic Zone (SEZ) Ltd.-10

Gujarat Maritime Board-10

Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizer Company Ltd -10

Adani Petronet (Dahej) Port Pvt. Ltd.-10

(c) No such response **was** received against Expression of Interest floated by RVNL.

(d) Two years after signing of Share Holders Agreement.

(e) It will be possible to integrate existing corridor with Western Dedicated Freight Corridor.

### **Gauge conversion of Gandhidham-Palampur rail line**

1932. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of project of conversion of broad gauge of the Gandhidham-Palampur rail line, particularly, the progress made in the bridge work and ballast collection;

(b) whether any time bound programme has been formulated for the completion of this project; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) Gandhidham-Palampur gauge conversion project has been completed and commissioned. Phase-I of the project covering Palampur-Samkhiali (248 kms) was completed and commissioned for freight traffic on 24.03.2006 and passenger traffic on 26.10.2006. Phase-II of the project covering the balance section between Samakhiali and Gandhidham has been commissioned for freight traffic on 26.11.2006.

### **Multi-purpose travelling cards**

1933. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to launch multi-purpose travel cards;